that they do not practice any more and do not play with the lives of the innocent patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the Sabha.

Birth Rate

893. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the birth rate in the country in the beginning of 1980;

(b) what is the birth rate at present; and

(c) the details of new programmes which will further bring down the birth rate by the end of the current Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The estimates of Birth Rate as available from Sample Registration System of Registrar General, India for each of the calender years 1979 and 1980 is 33.7 per thousand population. The provisional estimate of Birth Rate for the latest available year 1985 is 327 per thousand population.

(c) The main steps in this behalf are increasing demand for contraception through improved communication approaches promoting spacing methods; expanding and improving the quality of outreach services; promoting greater community participation through the involvement of Voluntary Organisations, intensifying population education, enhancing child survival rates, improving programme management by close monitoring, raising the status of women, establishing intersectoral linkages for promoting family planning;

Manufacture of Bushy-Mustang II Small Aircraft

894. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that licence to manufacture Bushy-Mustang II small aircraft has been issued to a private party; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Extension given to Retired Pilots

895. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister fo CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of the retired pilots who have been given extension because of the non-availability of trained pilots to replace them;

(b) what is the period of extension given in each case;

(c) what are the reasons for not taking timely steps to train sufficient number of pilots in advance to take over from the retiring pilots; and

(d) what measures have been taken by Government to plan future course of training to make sufficient number of pilots available to replace the retiring pilots?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Three in Vayudoot Ltd.

(b) One year at a time.

(c) Vayudoot is inducting captain Pilots who are on active Flying in the Airforce. They will be available for airline flying for a period of 12 to 15 years. Besides, Vayudoot is inducting fresh pilots, who are CPL holders from the Flying Clubs to fly as co-pilots. These pilots will be able to fly as Captain after a period of approximately 3 years. It is plann-

ed that superannuated pilots presently in service will be phased out in the next 6 to 8 months time.

(d) For imparting training to Commercial pilots, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi has been established at a capital expenditure of Rs. 26.55 crores. The Akademi shall serve as a feeder channel for the country's avaiation services. The Aero Club of India has been provided with an amount of Rs. 4.48 crore as grant-in-aid for the development of aerosports in the country. The Aero Club of India have already acquired 28 Cessna-152 aerobatic trainer aircraft and its accessories which has been allotted to various flying clubs in order to facilitate them to provide advanced training to the pilots.

Construction of Working Women's Hostels

896. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the influx of working women in the capital is increasing and due to lack of adequate and safe place to stay, the safety of the working women is not adequate;

(b) if so, what is the number of working women's hostels which are presently functioning in the capital;

(c) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to construct more working women's hostels in the capital; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 9 Hostels to provide accommodation to 985 working women assisted by Government of Inida are already functioning. 5 Hostels including one partially completed are under construction and shall, on completion, provide accommodation to 552 working women.

(c) and (d) No proposal is pending. Government of India will, however, consider proposals for Working Women's Hostels in Delhi, on receipt of applications from Voluntary Organisations in accordance with the scheme.

Electrification of Railway Lines connecting Metropolitan Cities

897. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to electrify the trunk rail routes connecting the Metropolitan cities in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, Zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b):—

Trunk Routes

(i) *Electrification already completed*	*Calcutta—Delhi.*
(ii) Electrification works in progress in the 7th Five Year Plan	(a) Delhi—Bombay via Western Railway
	(b) Delhi—Bombay via Central Railway.
	(c) Delhi—Madras Grand Trunk Route.
	(d) Calcutta—Bombay via Nagpur Trunk Route.